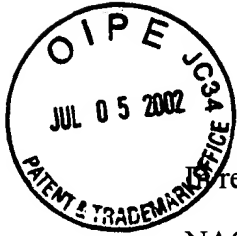


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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The cited references were called to Applicants' attention in a European Search Report dated May 27, 2002 for European Patent Application No. 00123851.8-2304-, which is a counterpart to the instant case. A copy of that Search Report is also enclosed, and the Examiner is respectfully directed thereto for a concise explanation of the relevance of the cited documents. Applicants note that U.S. Patent No. 4,528,576 (Koumura et al.), which is cited in the Search Report, was previously cited in the February 27, 2001 Information Disclosure Statement and is not enclosed herein.

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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